

## LESSON 1

1 Read about Yao Ming's life.

## Yao Ming's Life Story



Yao Ming was born on September 12, 1980. He grew up in a small apartment in Shanghai, China, with his parents. They were both basketball players, too—and tall! Their son is 2.26 meters (7 feet 5 inches). Yao doesn't have any brothers or sisters. When he was about nine, he went to the Youth Sports School in Shanghai. In China, he played for the Shanghai Sharks.

In 2002, Yao moved to the United States to play professional basketball. He plays for the Houston Rockets. When Yao first moved to Houston, he lived with his mother. Yao's mother cooked Chinese food for him, did the laundry, and cleaned their four-bedroom house.

Now look at the answers and write questions.

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|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. A: _____? | B: On September 12, 1980.      |
| 2. A: _____? | B: In Shanghai, China.         |
| 3. A: _____? | B: At the Youth Sports School. |
| 4. A: _____? | B: In 2002.                    |

2 For each academic subject, write an occupation.

1. architecture: \_\_\_\_\_
2. business: \_\_\_\_\_
3. medicine: \_\_\_\_\_
4. education: \_\_\_\_\_
5. engineering: \_\_\_\_\_

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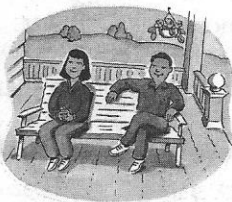
Get to know a famous person's life story. Choose a famous person. Answer the questions. Use the Internet, books, and other sources for information.

1. Person's name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was he / she born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where was he / she born? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where did he / she grow up? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What school did he / she go to? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did he / she study? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did he / she graduate? When? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What does he / she do now? \_\_\_\_\_

## LESSON 2

4 What are you going to do this summer? Check the boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> travel          | <input type="checkbox"/> relax                 | <input type="checkbox"/> exercise     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> go camping      | <input type="checkbox"/> sleep late            | <input type="checkbox"/> work         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> go fishing      | <input type="checkbox"/> do nothing            | <input type="checkbox"/> go to school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> go bike riding  | <input type="checkbox"/> hang out with friends | <input type="checkbox"/> move         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> go to the beach | <input type="checkbox"/> go for walks          | <input type="checkbox"/> go swimming  |



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Now write to a friend about your plans. Write sentences with be going to.

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Answer the questions about your future plans with be going to.

1. What are you going to do tonight? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are you going to do tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are you going to do tomorrow night? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are you going to do the day after tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_

Read the sentences. Ask **yes / no** questions with **be going to**.

1. A: Rachel has a toothache.

B: Is she going to see a dentist?

2. A: Jack doesn't feel well.

B: \_\_\_\_\_?

3. A: I'm making chicken with rice, but there isn't any rice on the shelf.

B: \_\_\_\_\_?

4. A: Anthony is going to travel to Europe.

B: \_\_\_\_\_?

5. A: I don't have a clean shirt for work tomorrow.

B: \_\_\_\_\_?

6. A: Julia is going to study medicine.

B: \_\_\_\_\_?

7. A: We don't have any plans this weekend.

B: \_\_\_\_\_?

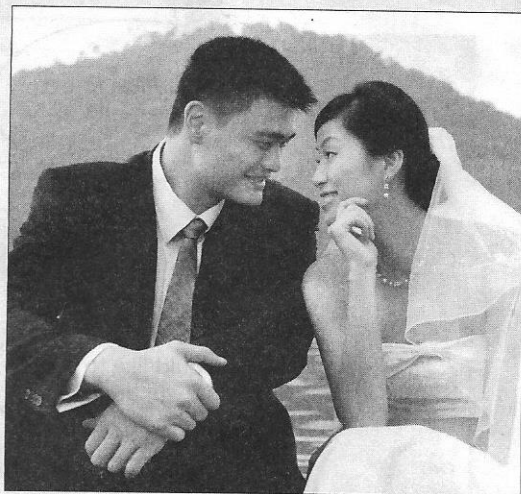
## LESSON 3

8 Read about more events in Yao Ming's life.

### What's Next for Yao Ming?

In 2007, Yao Ming got married. His wife's name is Ye Li. Like Yao, she is tall (1.9 meters / 6 feet 3 inches) and a professional basketball player. She played for China in the 2004 Summer Olympics. Yao and Ye met in 1999 when they were teenagers. They were married in a small ceremony in Shanghai on August 6, 2007.

On May 12, 2008, there was a terrible earthquake in Sichuan Province, China. Yao and his wife started the Yao Foundation to help children in Sichuan. Yao's foundation is building new schools in Sichuan. Yao and Ye hope their foundation can also help children in other parts of China and in the U.S.

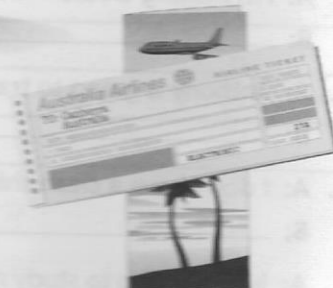
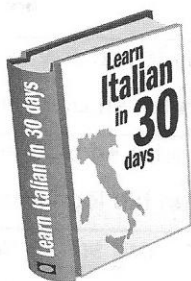


Now answer the questions.

1. What happened on August 6, 2007? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened on May 12, 2008? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the Yao Foundation doing now? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the Yao Foundation going to do in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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What would you like to do in your life? Write four sentences. Use the pictures and the verbs in the box for ideas.



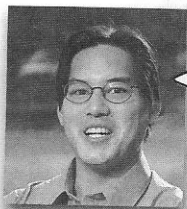
move	have children	meet
study	go	see
graduate	learn	buy
get married	travel	visit

Example: I would like to travel to Australia

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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Write two information questions with would like to ask each person.



I would like to get married.

1. When would you like to get married?
2. \_\_\_\_\_?



I would like to have children.

3. \_\_\_\_\_?
4. \_\_\_\_\_?



I would like to change careers.

5. \_\_\_\_\_?
6. \_\_\_\_\_?

A reporter from your school newspaper wants to write an article about you. Answer her questions about yourself.

1. When were you born?

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2. Where were you born?

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3. Where did you grow up?

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4. What do you do?

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5. What are you studying now?

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6. What do you usually do on weekends?

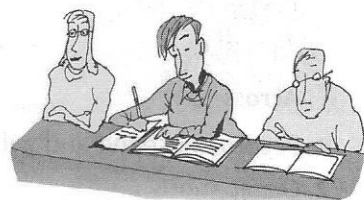
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7. What would you like to do in the next five years?

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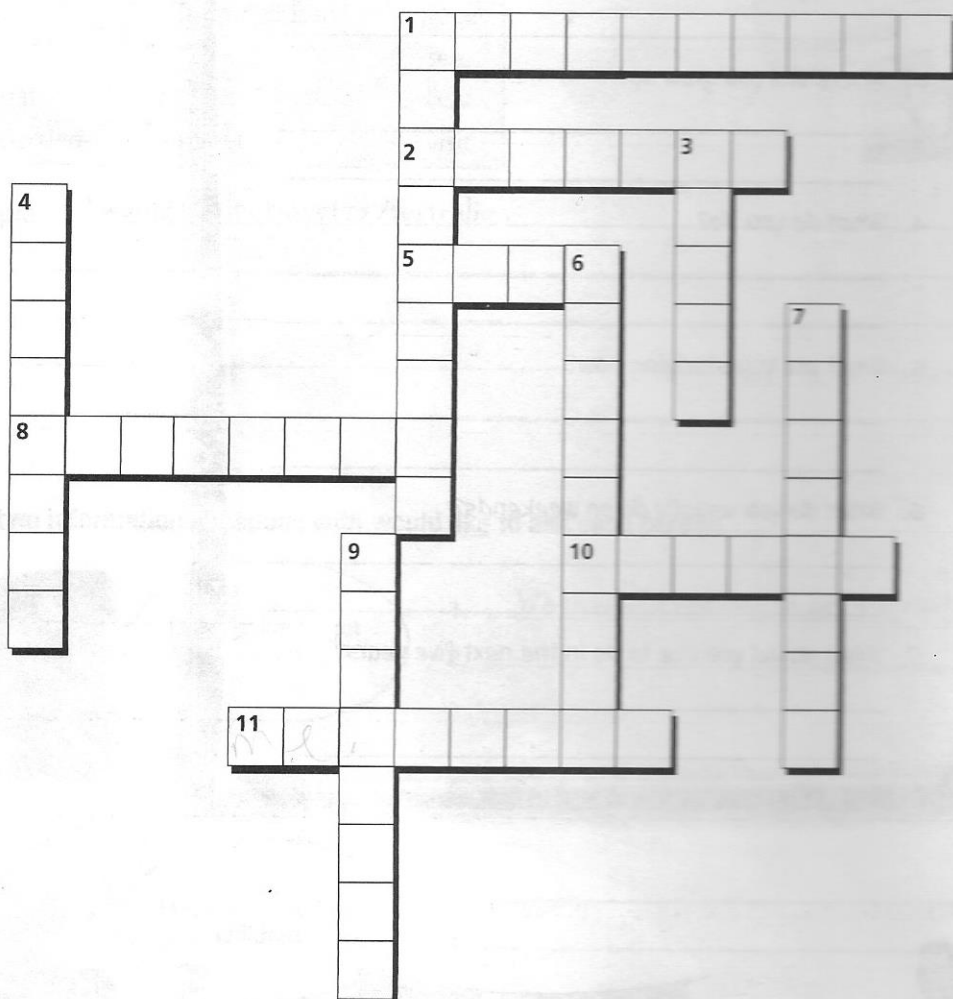


## 1 A RIDDLE FOR YOU!

When asked how old she was, Suzie answered, "In two years I'm going to be twice as old as I was five years ago." How old is she now?

- a. Twelve.                      b. Seven.                      c. Fourteen.

## 2 Complete the puzzle.



### Across

1. Become husband and wife
2. Occupations
5. Go to live in a new home
8. Sons and daughters
10. Visit new cities
11. What future doctors study

### Down

1. Sleep outdoors
3. Take a nap
4. Houdini's occupation
6. What future teachers study
7. Architecture, psychology, and law are all academic \_\_\_\_\_
9. Complete school

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